



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2017

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Regular Meeting, open to the public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Monday, August 14, 2017 in the Harrison Room. President Sandy Fiaschetti called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Sandy Fiaschetti, Pat Piskulich, Kevin Beers, Michelle Buelstel and Barbara Anness

Members Absent: Kristin Bull and Mike Zabat with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Elizabeth Davis, Michael Behrmann, Carrie Lawler, Anne Evans, Cindy Lindner, Pat Calvin, Matt McDaniel, Wendy Beitel, Karen Gelardi, Cathryn Skedel, Pasquale Cusumano, Neil Deluca, Casey Westcott, Jeff Frankowiak, Joshua Wrinkle, Brian Shelson, John Kelly, Michelle Nagy, Doug Hill and approximately 17 visitors.

Spotlight on Success

Director of School Improvement and Supplemental Programs Karen Gelardi along with Early Literacy Coach Wendy Beitel presented an update on the grant funded student summer learning programs.

Principal of Summer Learning Chad Zwolinski reported on tuition based summer classes including online courses for credit recovery, small group classes and SAT prep classes. Chad thanked Jo Anna Pillsbury for her work on the summer music theatre production of "The Wizard of Oz".

New Business (Item C. from New Business)

Recommendation to appoint Michelle Nagy to serve on the RCS Foundation Board of Directors.
(Action Item) Lori Grein

Director of Community Relations and Foundation Lori Grein explained what the Foundation looks for in selecting a board member and reviewed Michelle's background and experience in recommending her appointment.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Michelle Nagy to serve on the RCS Foundation Board of Directors.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich
Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 5-0

Communications

A. Secretary of the Board of Education

Kevin Beers shared the following communications received by the Board of Education since the prior meeting. Tamara Treanore regarding the change of Principal at Adams High School. Jennifer Smith, Lynne Dieterle and Lisa Yucha addressing bussing concerns for the Country Club Village subdivision.

B. Citizens Requesting Placement on the Agenda – None

C. Members of the Board of Education

Michelle Bueltel spoke with Stephen Goddard during chat with the board. The discussion included curriculum, current events and international exploration.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented.

- A.** Current Bills Payable for July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017 in the amount of \$11,419,404.53
- B.** Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2017
- C.** Approval for Michelle Bueltel to attend three MASB CBA courses on September 15, 2017 in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$270.00. Source of funding: General Fund.

Moved by: Kevin Beers
Supported by: Barbara Anness
Vote: 5-0

Reports

A. Superintendent's Committee Reports (Informational Item) – Dr. Shaner

Dr. Shaner reported on the Superintendent Steering Committee Meeting that took place on August 2, 2017. Topics of discussion included the upcoming Board of Education Retreat, Pre-K options, Superintendent's mid-year evaluation and advanced planning for the district.

New Business

A. Human Resources Report (Action Item) Elizabeth Davis

Chief Human Resource Officer Elizabeth Davis presented the following recommendations:

REA RETIREMENTS

Carol Cotter, teacher at West Middle School, submitted her letter of retirement effective August 31, 2017.

REA RESIGNATIONS

Dawn Adams, teacher at Baldwin Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Erin Byrge, teacher at Stoney Creek High School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Jeanna Davis, teacher at Long Meadow Elementary School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Andrew Leh, teacher at McGregor Elementary School, submitted his letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Joe Trolla, teacher at Hart Middle School, submitted his letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Adrienne Volk, teacher at Hart Middle School, submitted her letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Tom Zara, teacher at Rochester High School, submitted his letter of resignation effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATIONS

Jamie Kendall, Director of Financial Services, submitted her letter of resignation effective August, 2017.

NEW HIRES

Steven Baker, Physical Education Teacher, Hamlin Elementary School

Nicole Balintfy, Resource Teacher, Stoney High School

Kristin Baljet, Computers Teacher, Hart Middle School

Brandi Bates, Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher, West Middle School

Alysia Beier, Third Grade Teacher, Meadow Brook Elementary School

Lauren Bonner, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, Adams High School

Angela Esshaki, Art Teacher, McGregor Elementary School

Lisa Goodenough, French Teacher, Stoney Creek High School

Megan Hutton, ASD Teacher, Meadow Brook Elementary School

Melissa Kamenitsa, Third Grade Teacher, McGregor Elementary School

Erin Knight, ECSE Teacher, Hamlin Elementary School

Elissa McClain, Second Grade Teacher, North Hill Elementary School

Melissa Rau, Physical Education Teacher, Delta Kelly Elementary School

Allison Rosenau, German Teacher, West Middle School

Briana Sellers, Resource Room Teacher, Reuther Middle School

Brigid Sweeney, Social Worker, Delta Kelly and Musson Elementary School

Sharon Szymula, Speech Pathologist, Brooklands Elementary School

Evan Wilson, French Teacher, Reuther Middle School and Adams High School

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Adams High School Principal

We are recommending the appointment of Pasquale Cusumano to the position of principal at Adams High School. Pasquale has served as an assistant principal at Rochester High School since 2013. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Rochester Community Schools Foundation. Prior to coming to Rochester Community Schools, he worked in the Utica Community School District as a Junior High Assistant Principal and a high school Spanish teacher. Pasquale holds a Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership from Saginaw Valley State University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Education from Wayne State University.

Delta Kelly Elementary Principal

We are recommending the appointment of Amanda McKay to the position of principal at Delta Kelly Elementary School. Amanda has served as an assistant principal at Stoney Creek High School since 2011. Prior to working in Rochester, Amanda was a middle school principal and high school assistant principal in Lake Shore Public Schools. She taught English and social studies in Lake Orion Schools prior to becoming an administrator. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Studies and English, Masters in Educational Administration and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Michigan State University.

Long Meadow Elementary Principal

We are recommending that Jeffrey Frankowiak be appointed to the position of Long Meadow Elementary Principal. Jeffrey comes to RCS after serving as Principal, Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor at Waterford Kettering High School. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Counseling and an Educational Specialist Degree, all from Oakland University.

Rochester High School Assistant Principal

We are recommending the appointment of Joshua Wrinkle to serve as an assistant principal at Rochester High School. He has been teaching science at Adams High School since 2011, and has served as both a teacher leader and a member of the Next Generation Science Standards transition team. Joshua earned his Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration from Michigan State University, where he also earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Sciences.

Stoney Creek High School Assistant Principal

We are recommending the appointment of Brian Shelton to serve as an assistant principal at Stoney Creek High School. Brian comes to us most recently from Grosse Pointe North High School, where he has served as an assistant principal and an athletic director since the fall of 2014. Prior to that, he held positions as a science teacher in both Grosse Pointe and in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Brian holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Saginaw Valley State University and a degree in biology from Grand Valley State University.

A motion was made to approve the Human Resources Report, as presented.

Moved by: Pat Piskulich

Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Board members stated that it is humbling and exhilarating to look at the new class of employees.

Dr. Shaner thanked the nominating committees who helped with the interviews and selection process.

Vote: 5-0

B. Construction Contract Award (Action Item)

Elizabeth Davis recommended a change of award of contract for masonry and approval of current project costs for A.C.E., R.A.C.E, and A.T.P.S. building addition.

On Monday, June 12, 2017, the Board of Education approved a contract award to Sherman Masonry, Inc., for masonry for A.C.E. Building Addition project. Due to an unforeseen circumstance reported by Sherman Masonry, Inc., the project team at Frank Rewold & Son are requesting a termination of the award to Sherman Masonry and a change of award for the contract for masonry to Rosati Mason Contractors LLC, per the attached recommendation from Mike Gagnon of Frank Rewold & Son. This recommendation has been reviewed and accepted by Peter Muscio, Director of Capital Projects, and Patricia Calvin, Purchasing Supervisor.

Based on this information, we recommend that the Board of Education awards the following revised masonry contract to:

Rosati Mason Contractors LLC in the amount of \$1,173,678.00, and approve the termination of the previously awarded contract to Sherman Masonry, Inc., in the amount of (\$874,500.00), for a net change to the total project contract awards in the sum of \$299,178.00; and we recommend that the Board of Education approve the Other Project Costs, including Allowances and CM Fees as detailed in the attached analysis, in the amount of \$20,613.00 for a net change to the total contract awards and other project costs in the amount of \$319,791.00, for a revised Total of Current Project Costs in the amount of \$7,968,975.00.

Board discussion included questions on whether the change will keep the project on time and under budget and if unused contingency fees are returned to the budget.

Mike Gagnon and Pete Muscio addressed the Board regarding the budget implications associated with the change of contractors, contingency fees and reported that we are still under budget on the total bond project.

A motion was made to approve the Construction Contract Award, as presented.

Moved by: Barbara Anness
Supported by: Michelle Bueltel

Vote: 5-0

Additional Business

A. Citizens Present at the Meeting – None

B. Members of the Administration

Dr. Shaner thanked everyone for their patience with the ongoing construction projects.

C. Members of the Board of Education

Kevin Beers shared observations from a former RCS student who was in town for a class reunion.

Announcements

August 22	Board of Education Retreat and Bond Project Tour, 3:00 p.m.
September 5	First Day of School for Students
September 11	Board of Education Regular Meeting, Administration Center, 7:00 p.m.
September 25	Board of Education Work Session, Hart Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by: Michelle Bueltel
Supported by: Pat Piskulich

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Nakonek
Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Kevin Beers
Secretary, Board of Education